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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1315

DATE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Universal telecommunications service.

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FUNDS AFFECTED:

**GENERAL
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IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Requires the utility regulatory commission (IURC) to adopt rules to preserve and expand universal telecommunications service throughout Indiana. Provides that the rules adopted must: (1) designate certain telecommunications services as universal services that should be available in all regions of Indiana at just, reasonable, and comparable rates; (2) identify certain geographic areas in Indiana as underserved areas; (3) impose a customer surcharge on local exchange access service; (4) be consistent with federal universal service regulations; and (5) provide a funding mechanism to operate in coordination with federal universal service support mechanisms. Establishes a telecommunications universal service fund to: (1) receive the proceeds of the statewide customer surcharge on local exchange service; and (2) provide financial assistance to telecommunications providers providing universal service to underserved areas.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: